

A.R.T. [Aggression Replacement Training] Volunteer Facilitator Training

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 3rd and 4th, 2017

Lower Level Multi-Purpose Room

13th Circuit Court Family Division along with Volunteer Services are pleased to announce a second opportunity for volunteers to be trained for the A.R.T. program. A.R.T. (Aggression Replacement Training), is a research-based, proven-effective approach for working with challenging youth. The program has been used in schools, community agencies and juvenile facilities for over 30 years.

Volunteer Services has been fortunate to have a group of dedicated volunteers, successfully complete two 10-week sessions over the past year, for 9 youth. The program has received high praise from parents, probation staff and volunteer facilitators; "Everyone could use the tools taught in the ART class. They teach you to think before you act, during moments of anger and frustration. The students are getting the opportunity to learn these things at a critical time in their life. If they retain even a few of these concepts, it could literally help them to change the course of their life", said volunteer *Diane Scrivo*.

Volunteer, *Susan Bender* says; "Working with kids on these most basic but profoundly important skills was gratifying and challenging. It's a genuine opportunity for them to receive this training during their teenage years".

"Instructors have the flexibility to structure the course to fit the level of each student while still achieving the overall goal. I think this program provides structure, which is something most kids want in their lives", says volunteer Victor Dinsmoore.

As a volunteer facilitator you will be trained to effectively teach the A.R.T. curriculum with a partner, in a 10-week course for no more than 8 youth at a time. Each class will take place in the multi-purpose room, after school from 3:30-5:00 p.m., 2-3 days a week.

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A.R.T. Training cont'd

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-*Social Skills Training*-teaches participants what to do, helping them replace antisocial behaviors with positive alternatives.

-*Anger Control*-Teaches participants what not to do, helping them respond to anger in a non-aggressive manner and re-think anger-provoking situations.

-*Moral Reasoning*-Helps raise participants' level of fairness, justice, and concern for the needs and rights of others.

We are seeking interested person's who would like to be involved in this important program. Please call **Lindsey at 922-4827** for more information, or to r.s.v.p. for training.



Probate & Family Court, Grand Traverse County CASA will have a booth for the third consecutive year at the Fuse North Expo.

If you know of anyone looking for volunteer opportunities or to learn more about the wonderful programs and services available in your community, join us!

Thursday Sept. 26th, 2017
4:00-7:00 p.m.
Hagerty Center

General Orientation for New Volunteers

Tuesday October 24th &
Wednesday October 25th

5:00-7:30 p.m.

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General Orientation offers an overview of all the volunteer opportunities Probate & Family Court has to offer and where you will best fit, in our mission to make a difference.

If you have friends or family interested in volunteering, have them contact Lindsey at 922-4827.

A pre-service interview is required before attending orientation.

September

Maryann Wichtner
Donald Hutchinson
Diane Cowley
John Evans
Alexander Moore
Susan Wilgus
Philip Hamburg
Deborah Bloxson
Marilyn Vlack
Jeana Paquet
Karen Mauro-Doren
Peggy Friess
Jeri Cooke
Patty Marar
Jessica Horness
Tori Young

October

Jim Valko
Margaret Gove
Dolores Rode
Jim Doman
Susan Miner
Sue Soderberg
Vi Brott
David Lloyd
Brenda Knaack
Robin Komrska
Lisa Hoffman
Jennifer Carlson
Jim Dawson
Rachel Ottman





Learning Partners were able to attend a Beach Bums game in late July. The weather was perfect and the game was fun, so no one really noticed when the Bums lost. We didn't have enough folks available for our back-to-school picnic and hike, so we are having several small celebrations for the new school year! Backpacks are available for those who did not receive them through school, thanks to Rotary Club of Traverse City Sunrise, and their "Back Packs for Kids" program. They have generously donated backpacks stuffed with school supplies to our Learning Partner students.

The start to school brings a bigger need for Learning Partner volunteers. We are reaching-out to schools in Grand Traverse County to let them know that our program is back, in full force! If you, or someone you know, would like to help a student in grades K-12, please contact us. Just one hour each week really can make a huge difference in the life of a young person. Thank you!

Next meeting for volunteers is **Tuesday, September 12th (then Tuesday, Oct. 3rd) at 4:00 p.m.**



It is with great sadness that we share the passing of long time volunteer, Nancy Ferrar. Nancy first became a volunteer with us in 1979.

She was involved as a probation monitor and a Learning Partner and was also a member of the Literacy Council.

Nancy was such an amazing woman who had many adventures in her lifetime. She was a corporal in the Marine Corp. and graduated with a degree in physical therapy from UC Berkeley California, where President Harry Truman gave the commencement speech.

Nancy was a true mentor when working with youth. She cared deeply for each of her students and always had so much to give. She dedicated her time with each student in hopes of true success. Nancy will be greatly missed and we are so grateful she chose Volunteer Services to share her time and dedication.



Please join us for our Sept. meeting on 9/19 at 4:00 p.m. Plans are in the works to have a CPS presentation on removal process and in-home jurisdiction cases.

October we hope to have a discussion with the family court Referee's. Plans for both meetings are being finalized soon.

As the MI CASA Conference nears we will begin collecting donations for Grand Traverse County CASA's raffle basket. We will again stick with the Traverse City theme, as it is always a huge hit.



Don't forget to register for conference at:

<http://www.michigancasa.org/2017-state-conference.html>



**VOLUNTEERS IN
PREVENTION/PROBATION**

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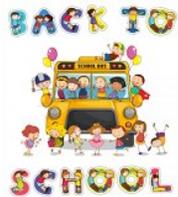
Or Current Resident

Learning Partners

1st Tuesday-4:00-5:00 pm

Tuesday, Sept 12th, 2017

Tuesday, Oct 3rd, 2017



CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate)

3rd Tuesday- 4:00-6:00 pm

Tuesday, Sept 19th, 2017

Tuesday, Oct 17th, 2017



***All meetings are held at the Volunteer Services office unless otherwise mentioned.**